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Dear Harold,

You surely do have a knack for turning off the enthusiasm of someone who wants to help. Although I am sorry the latest effort upset you so much again I really have a tough time not getting a bit angry about it.

Perhaps I should send you a copy of my original column, where at the bottom I indicated in BLOD FACE type the author's name, total title of the book, publisher, cost, and address. This material was killed by the editor because to him it smacked too much of advertising. I did not know it was being killed until I saw the column in print. If it will make you ~~xxx~~ feel better I will write the editor a letter and ask him please to ~~xx~~ run that information in the letters to the editor column. I am sure he will as I already questionned the original editing.

I am not a resident genius. Nor is my entire life tied up with the asassination business. Not by a long shot. I do not pretend to be an expert at all. I act as a conduit for information and misinformation. I do not have the facilities to check out all items. I do not have the expertise or contacts to tell, always, who is lying, why, and for what purpose.

Never in my life have I met with more strange, odd, sick, paranoid, and semi-~~xxxxxx~~ insane persons as with this situation. NEVER! Granted it is a very confusing case, but, why can't I get understandable answers to very simple questions? I get theories. I get tomes. Yes, Harold, I read your presentation and all your books. Yes, I understand some of the material, but you lose me a great deal of the time. That is my fault, based on my ignorance of the myriad of details you know so well. If you think I am confused you ought to see the people out here who read my column and who ask me really basic, simple questions. They haven't the time, interest, or ability to wade through the verbiage to get the answers. If they're like me, they wouldn't know whether or not to believe what they read anyway.

I guess you're right. I don't comprehend. I guess I just don't understand what is going on. So, your time is valuable. I agree. I have other stories, ~~xxxxx~~ other projects, and things I can comprehend. So, I will probably not ask you any questions. I will continue to buy and read your books when I know about them, however.

As to your friend who mentioned the personal problems you were having with your home being broken into and the low flying aircraft--I gather you do not believe that I was told this. I assure you I was. I am under no ethical restraint nor were any "ground rules" established for this discussion with the friends. I assure you you know this source well and this source knows you. This source TOLD ME THOSE THINGS. I am not playing games. I am respecting the same confidence I told you I would respsect months ago when you gave me honest opinions of persons in an off the record fashion. If this matter bothers you, please let me know and I will certainly call this person and obtain permission to identify by name.

Ben Waters was a freelance newswriter who was in Washington in the '60s and until the early part of this decade. He is not out of journalism entirely. While there he covered some interesting things--generally military, political. He is about 45 to 50 years old and quite a serious person. His comments came in a letter. I do not know where or how he got your book. I doubt very seriously if he would care to involve himself. His words to me were in a personal letter, which he gave me permission to use. I might add he thinks all conspiracy people are correct, but that most people in the field are nutty. As I say, he is out of journalism now. Perhaps I ought to have inserted the word "former" in his identification.

Tough darts on my close about the POST. The question I am asked over and over and over by people is "Why doesn't the press get into the Kennedy coverups with as much vigor as they did on Watergate?"

Do you have an answer? I don't.

Call my close a crack or a cheapshot. I mean it as a challenge. I don't mean two columns, I mean full mobilization.

Sorry to disappoint you so much. But, you surely do make it tough for a person to (1) understand you...(2) help you. For whatever it is worth I believe very much in your work, your cause, and your efforts. Perhaps I can best help you by remaining silent about it.

Or, forget the whole damn thing.

On the other hand, if I stew enough.....but, I won't.

Good luck.

Sincerely,

JDT

P.S. As one constructive suggestion which I mean totally in a positive, helpful way---get a good editor. I can't help but wonder if ALL the uncomprehension is more a fault of my reading or your writing. And, for God's sake, don't take <u>that</u> comment as a cheapie. I honestly mean that as a helpful comment. If you feel it is none of my business--I might argue.